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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello,

We are still the little guy in this numismatic business.....

See how to get your share of the numismatic pleasure. The NNA is not just for the big collector or controlled by the large collectors. It's for every one large and small. We small collectors feed the large collectors, so we all succeed in our own way. The coin collectors in the state who don't belong, can be winners by joining the NNA. It is all the member's responsibilities to invite coin collectors to join. Call your friends to join. **DO IT TODAY!**

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THIS AND THAT

FREMONT COIN CLUB – has issued two special wooden nickels to help commemorate the club's 45th Annual Coin Show scheduled on the 24th & 25th of April 2004. The wooden nickel features information on the coin show on one side in red ink, and the other side notes the 45th Anniversary in blue ink. The wooden nickels and be purchased for 25¢ and a self addressed stamped envelope by writing William H. Passick, 1253 East 19th St., Fremont, NE 68025-3268. The Club has past issues of wooden nickels available, information is available from Mr. Passick, please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

LINCOLN COIN CLUB – is busy planning the 50th Annual Nebraska Numismatic Convention to be held at the Lancaster Events Center in Lincoln of April 16-17, 2005. David F. Willise is the bourse chairman. Mr. Willise can be contacted at P.O. Box 6711, Lincoln, NE 68506.

NEBRASKA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION – on January 1, 2004 dues will be $5.00 a year or 5 years for $20. If you would like to renew or extend your dues at the current rate of $3.00 a year or 4 years for $12, send payment to the N.N.A, P.O. Box 82, Omaha, NE 68101-0082

OMAHA COIN CLUB – has been award the National Token Collectors Association show or 2004. It will be held Labor Day weekend. The National Token Collectors Association is actively looking for other cities to hold their annual token show.

The Liberty Bill Act

It began as a public middle school civics project in 1997, and it has grown into a national movement to place an abridged Constitution on the back of U.S. Currency. More information can be obtained from Liberty Middle School, 13496 Liberty School Road, Ashland, VA 23005 or at www.Libertydollarbill.org.

MINT NEWS

The Missouri Statehood Quarter has been released from the mint. It is the 4th Quarter released in 2003. The Arkansas Quarter will be released later in the year. The mint is busy making new designs for the Jefferson Nickel. It plans to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Lewis and Clark's Corp of Discovery.

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First Delivery of U.S. Half Dollars

By Bob Van Ryzin

It was one small step..... A delivery of slightly more than 5,000 silver half dollars. But it was one giant leap for the new mint, and the new nation.

On December 1, 1794, the U.S. Mint's dream of providing our nation with spendable silver coins finally became a reality.

Although Americans were already using copper pennies and half-cents from the new mint, coins of silver and gold had to be delayed. The Coinage Ac of 1792 provided for gold, silver and copper coins, ranging from a half-cent through a gold $10 gold coin. The problems was, the law set the bond on people handling precious metals too high. Both the assayer and the coiner were ordered to deposit $10,000 before the Mint could begin accepting deposits of gold and silver. Neither could afford it.

Fortunately, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson appealed to President Washington, Washington appealed to Congress, and the bonds were lowered.

Coin production could now begin. Dies were prepared. A delicate portrait of Liberty by Mint engraver Robert Scot graced the new silver coins. And a rather scrawny, yet stately eagle was placed on the reverse side.

Despite the encouraging beginning, production of silver coins remained low. And the Mint did not even start making gold coins until the following year. Problems with equipment and supplies and yellow fever epidemics in Philadelphia during the late 18th and early 19th centuries all took their toll.

It would be several more years before the new mint could supply enough coins to meet the needs of commerce and the public. Yet that first delivery of half dollars, over 200 years ago, was a big step forward.

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The Zodiac on Ancient Coins

By Kerry Wetterstrom

Today is the birthday of Nostradamus, the famous astrologer to the stars. Not Hollywood's stars, but the 16th century stars—Europe's royalty.

Astrologer say a person's life is determined by the configuration of the stars, or the zodiac, at the moment of birth. The Greeks were among the first to identify the astrological signs in the heavens. Twelve constellations make up the Zodiac, and since most of these constellations are represented by animal, the Greeks called it "zodiako kyko," or "circle of animals."

Since the Zodiac was important in the everyday lives of the ancient Greeks and Romans emperors often chose their personal birth-sign as a design for their coins. "Leo the Lion" and "Aries the Ram" were two of the more popular signs.

Egypt produced what may be the best example of ancient coins featuring signs of the Zodiac. All twelve signs were used on a rare series of large bronze coins made in 144 A.D. This was done to honor the "Great Sothic Cycle." The Sothic Cycle was a rare astrological event which occurred only once every 1,500 years. It was directly related to the annual flooding of the Nile, which the Egyptians depended upon for their existence.

The twelve coins issued for this event may be the first commemorative "set" of coins issued by a mint. Of course, we're not able to order this set of coins on a toll-free 800 number! But collectors do try to put together their own sets. Very few complete sets have ever been assembled, and most collectors settle for having just of these elesue coins, with their own personal Zodiac sign on it.

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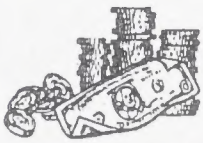

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Oct. 18-19	35th Annual Johnson County Numismatic Society Show, Lenexa Community Center, Pflumm Road at Santa Fe Trail Drive, Lenexa, KS
Oct. 26	Wahoo Coin Club Show, Saunders County Fairgrounds, Wahoo, NE
Dec. 6	Omaha Coin Club 44th Annual Show, Red Lion Hotel, I-80 & 72nd St., Omaha, NE

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APR 24-25	**NEBRASKA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 49TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, hosted by the Fremont Coin Club, Fremont City Auditorium, 9th & Hwy. 77, Fremont**
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Nebraska City – Nebraska City Coin Club, 3rd Tuesday in Jan, Feb, May, Sept, Nov, Nebraska City Fire Department downtown, 7:00 PM

North Platte – Platte Valley Coin Club, 3rd Tuesday, Northwestern Public Service Co. "Blue Flame Room" 215 E. 5th St., 7:30 PM

Omaha – Omaha Coin Club, 3rd Friday, New Cassel Retire Center's Auditorium, 900 No. 90th St., 7:30 PM

Omaha – SAC/Midwest Coin Club Coin Club, 1st Tuesday, Denny's Restaurant, 84th & I-80, 7:00 PM

Scottsbluff – Oregon Trail Coin Club, 2nd Wednesday, McDonald's Office, 511 West 27th, 7:30 PM

South Sioux City – Siouxland Coin Club, write for information; 901 S. Cecelia, Sioux City, Iowa 51106

Seward – Nebraska Token Collectors Club, 2nd Sunday, Cattle National Bank 2:00 PM

Wahoo – Wahoo Coin Club, 1st Saturday, Saunders County Historical Museum, 240 N. Walnut, 8:00 PM

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